

Proposed Language

Amend section 1079.2 of Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

1079.2. RDHAP Applications.

In addition to the requirements, including the processing times, set forth in Section 1076, an application for licensure as an RDHAP shall be on a form entitled: License Application for Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice, (rev.5/99), which is hereby incorporated by reference, and accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant has met either of the following requirements:

(a) Holds a current California RDH license and meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Has been engaged in clinical practice as a dental hygienist in California for a minimum of 2,000 hours during the immediately preceding 36 months. ~~Up to 1,000 hours in hygiene clinical instruction in a Board approved dental hygiene program during the immediately preceding 36 months may be applied to the 2,000 hour requirement and;~~

(2) Has successfully completed a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a college or institution of higher education that is accredited by a national agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (successor to the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation) or the United States Department of Education. The successful completion of 120 semester units shall be considered the equivalent of a bachelor's degree.

(3) Has completed an approved RDHAP program.

(b) Has received a letter of acceptance into the employment utilization phase of the Health Manpower Pilot Project No. 155, prior to June 1, 1997.

(c) "Clinical practice" means the practice of dental hygiene, as defined in section 1760.5 of the Code, in any setting including, but not limited to, educational settings and public health settings.

Note Authority cited: Section 1614 and 1767, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 1760.5 and 1774, Business and Professions Code.